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## Run Over by a Hand Car.

On Sunday morning several persons in the neighborhood of the junction of the Beaufort county Lumber Co railroad, got a hand car and started to go down to Vanceboro on it. A 10-year old son of Mr. C. A. Tucker was in the party. At a point where the car was going down grade young Tucker fell off on the track and the wheels run across his chest, injuring him severely. The boy is reported in a critical condition today.—Greenville Reflector.

## Prospects for Shad.

The receipts of shad in this market are not large, with the local demand good.

The demand for shad locally and from points in this State make impossible any shipments North, as prices are as high here as in New York.

The Wilmington Messenger says:

"The shad catch which has been very backward up to within a week, is now increasing rapidly. The fishermen are now bringing in from 1,500 to 2,000 shad a day now."—Newbern Cor. to Virginia-Pilot.

## Newspaper Libel Bill.

The newspaper libel bill passed the final reading with the amendment that it shall not apply to existing suits. The Senate concurred in this amendment. The Senate, met as a court of impeachment and in order to be clear of legislative business deferred the bill of judges until Thursday.

A country editor has his opinion of the kicker and is not afraid to express it. Thus he says: "Whenever you find a man finding fault with a local paper, open it up and ten to one he hasn't an advertisement in it; five to one he never gave it a job of work; three to one he does not take the paper; two to one that if he is a subscriber he is delinquent; even odds he never does anything that will assist the publisher to run a good paper and forty to one that if the paper is a good one and full of life, he is the most eager to see the paper when it comes out."—Greenville Reflector.

On Wednesday night, Feb. 27th, Dave Murdock, a colored man living on the Fletcher place near the S. C. line, was cruelly murdered by some one on the outside with a rifle. Murdock lingered until the next night when he died as a result of his wound. The coroner held an inquest on Friday and rendered a verdict that one Jim Mundlin had fired the fatal shot. Philip Mundlin was arrested and held as an accessory and is now in Rockingham jail. Jim Mundlin is still at large.—Laurinburg Exchange.

## HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.

Dr. C. W. Dabney Recommended  
For President By Supt.  
S. G. Worth.

Edenton, N. C.,  
March 14, 1901.

Ed. Fisherman & Farmer,

Dear Sir:—If Dr. Charles W. Dabney, ex-State Chemist of North Carolina, should be made President of the Hopkins University at Baltimore, the education of our North Carolina citizenship would be advanced. Dr. Dabney was with us several years and is like one of our own people in his likings and sympathies. Prof. Henry E. Shepherd, now a resident of Baltimore and one of the most scholarly men of our State's production, [from Fayetteville] raised the question a few days ago in the Baltimore Sun, why should not the Hopkins have a president from a Southern State? Another correspondent, following last week, asks why should not Dr. Dabney be the man? I take the ground that these immediately become personal questions to all of us North Carolinians. Mr. Hopkins made nearly all of his great fortune out of his trade in Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina, and in giving the vast sum of money for the Hospital and University discriminated, in the will, in favor of patients and students from these three States. Naturally, one of these States should furnish a president for the University, and Dr. Dabney was born and educated in Virginia, became a North Carolina citizen by adoption and is now in a daughter State, Tennessee, being president of the State University at Knoxville. He was Assistant Secretary of Agriculture in Mr. Cleveland's second term, thus living about four years on Maryland soil. Unquestionably, he has the geographical qualifications and after twenty-two years acquaintance with him I recognize his superior qualifications otherwise and here mention some. Dr. Dabney is a strong man, a clear headed business man, personally acquainted with a very large number of public men throughout the country. He is above shams, a fine executive, highly educated, a splendid educator and an original investigator.

Let every girl and boy aspire to a college and University education, whether they attain the ideal or not, and I call on all of the older heads, as far as this letter is read, to help the Sun correspondent in his effort to put Dr. Dabney in the President's chair at Hopkins, for his election would surely be a benefit to all of our people.

S. G. WORTH.

## WORK AS YOU TALK.

Practical Hints About Town Building—As Applicable to Elizabeth City as to Winston or Elsewhere.

From the Winston Journal we take the following which is commended to the thoughtful consideration and earnest adoption of our people as being as applicable to Elizabeth City as it is to Winston:

Talk and passivity cost little effort. The only thing that counts is to do—and to do intelligently.

The verb succeed is in the active voice. It is synonymous with work. One man may start a more rapid growth of a city but he cannot keep it going. He must have help. The Journal may preach and plead till the crack of doom but unless every other man in the city does his part little will be accomplished. The Journal will reap as little benefit from the realization of its efforts as anybody. The merchant, the manufacturer, the lawyer, the doctor, the butcher and the baker, and the candle stick maker will get more out of it than the newspaper man. That is not the question. A bigger, better city means more dollars for us all. I mean better schools, better churches, better markets, better times, better everything. 'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished. Let us get to work—talk it, act it; keep everybody we have—persuade others to come, and keep them when they do come. Spend your money here and get your neighbor to do likewise. Paint your house, repair your fence and your sidewalk, and whatsoever you do, do it right and with your might.

## Sad Accident.

John Wilson, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McConnell, met his death in an awful manner last Saturday afternoon by falling head-first into the spring basin, just a short distance from the house on Depot street. The water in the basin is about 15 inches in depth and the basin about 12 inches higher, so that the little fellow was powerless to extricate himself. He was discovered by Charles Early, one of the Catwba Furniture company's employees who had gone to the spring for water. The child could not have been there very long as his mother was there searching for him. Drs. Ashworth and Cheek worked long and hard to revive him but their efforts were vain.—McDowell Democrat.

Political promises are as hard to collect as a last year's subscription from a relative.

## The Wide Tire.

Mecklenburg, always to the fore in improvements, has secured the passage of a bill through the legislature, requiring the equipment of wagons with 3 to 5 inch tires. We sincerely hope this law will gradually commend itself to the entire country. Common sense and self-interest, regardless of statutory requirement should have displaced the narrow tired wagons long ago. For a good part of the year in this part of the State, the devil retires from business, takes a vacation, and rests satisfied with the mischief done to the morals of travelers by the condition of our roads. More eloquent and emphatic cussin' has been done on this account than all others. It would be a hardship to force our farmers to buy new wheels all at once, but it would pay them in the end to do so, and would be a great mercy to drivers of light vehicles. At all events they should introduce them gradually, taking the broad tire when their old wheels need repairing.—Morganton Herald.

## Fatal Accident at a Saw Mill.

A fatal accident occurred at the saw mill of Mr. W. G. Faulkner, near Jones Springs, Warren county, Monday afternoon, resulting in the death of one man and injury of another. The engine exploded, instantly killing Charlie Faulkner, son of the owner of the mill, and badly hurting another son, Wash Faulkner, Jr. Charlie Faulkner's head was blown completely off and but for the fact that his father, who was standing near him, happened to be stooping down at the time he would have been killed also.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

## A Young Grandmother.

There is a family living in Pickens county that has a record most remarkable, and one seldom acquired by any family.

The mother was married when 11 years old. She is now 26 and has 14 living children. The oldest one of the family has one child. The mother of the family therefore is a grandmother, and only 26 years old.

Two weeks ago at Reidsville a bell in a school fell and injured five pupils—a most unusual accident. At Fayetteville Thursday another bell fell and probably fatally injured a 12 year old son of Policeman Benton.

What was intended as a joke among some small boys here a few days ago came near being a serious affair. They played hanging one of their companions, and the assistance of older persons had to be summoned to prevent it taking a serious turn. This is one of the lessons taught by public executions.—Graham Gleaner.

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